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From the President Bill Taylor, DVM, ABVP

First, I would like to congratulate all the Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians in the State of Nevada – the Board has seen a significant decline in the number of consumer complaints in the last year. One of the things the Board constantly tries to pass on to our licensees is the importance of good communication with clients. Communication not only involves the doctors and licensed veterinary technicians, but also every staff members. A clinics' failure to (1) educate clients or (2) inform them about each step of the diagnostic and therapeutic plan, precipitates a large number of the complaints that the Board reviews. So, once again, a job well done.

Next, I would like to introduce several new members to the Nevada Veterinary Board.

The Board has seen several changes to its office staff. Debbie Machen, the Board's Executive Director of 21 years, retired in October of 2016. The Board members and staff wish her well in her future adventures. Filling the position for Ms. Machen is our new Executive Director, Jennifer Pedigo. Ms. Pedigo comes to our Board with a great deal of prior Board experience, both with the Nevada Chiropractic Board and also the Nevada Cosmetology Board. She also holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration, which she earned at the University of Nevada-Reno.

In searching for a new Executive Director, Dr. Simmonds led the hiring search. We were fortunate to have had a number of strong candidates to interview. Ms. Pedigo served as the Executive Director in training for six months with Debbie Machen. As of October, 2016, Ms. Pedigo has taken over the position of Executive Director. It has been quite a pleasure to work with her. Please keep your eyes out as our Board staff works on developing new resources for both consumers and professionals in the veterinary field.

The Board also has a new Licensing Specialist working in the Board office, Ms. Christina Johnson, LVT. Ms. Johnson is not new to the Board. Ms. Johnson has served as a Hospital Inspector since 2009, and has added this second position as Licensing Specialist to her title. She continues with her prior position of directing and performing hospital inspections, and it excited to begin her new role with the Board.

Jim Hengels, RN has joined the Board as our new public member. Mr. Hengels comes to us from a human medical background with his background in nursing, and brings to the Board a strong love of animals. Mr. Hengels has participated in our last two Board meetings and, though still learning, deftly brings his strong knowledge and passion to the meetings. Later in this newsletter he has written a short article, which you can read on page 3.

Please welcome our new Board and staff members. They join the Board as we all look to serve pet owners as well as veterinary professionals in Nevada.



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Licensing Statistics

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NEW VETERINARIANS LICENSED	92	98
NEW BOARD CERTIFIED VETERINARIAN DIPLOMATES	5	7
ACTIVE VETERINARIANS/DIPLOMATES	948	913
INACTIVE VETERINARIANS/DIPLOMATES	180	179
VETERINARY FACILITIES/MOBILE FACILITIES	224	222
NEW LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS	66	68
ACTIVE LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS	621	612
VETERINARY TECHNICIANS-IN-TRAINING	200	167
NEW EUTHANASIA TECHNICIANS	4	4
ACTIVE EUTHANASIA TECHNICIANS	81	70
ANIMAL CHIROPRACTORS	7	7
ANIMAL PHYSICAL THERAPIST	4	4
FORMAL COMPLAINTS FILED	69	35

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In developing Board news, the Board is working to assist the Veterinary Technicians of Nevada in becoming credentialed as Veterinary Technician Specialists. Some of our existing regulations do not currently allow Veterinary Technicians to perform certain duties. Thus, in order to expand the scope of their skills and responsibilities, the Board is working on provisions by which a Veterinary Technician may proceed forward as a Veterinary Technician Specialist and perform a greater number of duties covered in a specialty. Currently, the Board is considering specialties in the following areas: anesthesia, surgery, internal medicine, dentistry, emergency and critical care, behavior, zoo animal, equine, clinical practice and nutrition.

Finally, I would like to invite veterinarians and technicians to attend the disciplinary section of our board meetings. The Board typically reviews complaints in the first part of a Board meeting. During complaint assessments, it is guaranteed that each Board member learns something new as we review and hear these complaints. Typically, the Board has veterinary technician students who attend our meetings and a few veterinarians. Each attendee goes away better informed as to the function of the Board as well as how better to care for our clients and avoid potential complaints.

Veterinarians may receive up to four continuing education credit hours and Veterinary Technicians may receive up to 2 hours of continuing education credit hours for attending the meetings. Our next meeting is July 27, 2017 in Reno. Please visit the Board website at www.nvvetboard.us for the full list of scheduled Board meetings.

Thank you,
Bill Taylor, DVM, ABVP

Welcome to the Veterinary Board,

Mr. Jim Hengels, RN, BSN



The Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners would like to welcome its newest member, Mr. Jim Hengels, RN, BSN. Mr. Hengels will be serving as the Board's Public Member and attended his first Board meeting on October 20, 2016.

Mr. Hengels graduated from high school in 1967 in the suburbs of Chicago, and then went on to complete three years of college. Leaving college, Mr. Hengels entered the Navy in 1970 and became a Hospital Corpsman, but specialized in Pharmacy. Mr. Hengels left the Navy in 1974 and went to work as a Pharmacy Technician at Hines VA Hospital. During this time, Mr. Hengels went back to Junior College to obtain his Nursing Degree and graduated in 1980 with an AA Degree in Nursing.

He transferred out of the Chicago area and headed west to Reno where he started work again at a VA Hospital. Mr. Hengels once again entered school at the University of Nevada at Reno and completed his Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1995 while working full time. While at the Reno VA Hospital, he worked as a floor Nurse on the Medical/Surgery Unit, Oncology, and Surgery before transferring to the Emergency Room where he ended his VA career in 2002.

Mr. Hengels then began another chapter of healthcare in telephone triage nursing at Hometown Health where he helped open a new department called the "The Health Hotline". The "Health Hotline" is a Telehealth Call Center where we directed patients regarding their symptoms to appropriate treatment options. Mr. Hengels retired from that position in 2010.

Personally, Mr. Hengels is an avid owner of many dogs throughout the years. Mr. Hengels brings his years of professional nursing experience and work with the public to the Board. He jumped the change to serve on the Board as he always thought working with dogs and other animals would open new challenges and rewards, but never expected he would work with them in this way. Mr. Hengels is looking forward to the challenge.

Welcome our new Licensing Specialist,

Christina Johnson, LVT

Raised in Southern California until the age of 26, Ms. Johnson started working for the family Veterinarian in 1984 and stayed there until she graduated with an Animal Science, Pre-Veterinary Medicine Bachelor of Science from California Polytechnic University, Pomona. She spent some time in San Diego working at Sea World with penguins, flamingos, ducks, geese, macaws and a giant black swan named Gloria that still comes when called. Ms. Johnson moved to Reno and found a passion for small animals and their owners. After attending CSN's accelerated LVT program, she was licensed in 2001. In 2008, Ms. Johnson started with the Board as a Compliance Inspector. Ms. Johnson has maintained her license while working as a full time LVT and getting to know the amazing licensees of this great state. In her new venture, she cannot wait to continue hospital inspections, but also aid the Board with consumer concerns, licensing, and helping the public and licensees in Nevada.



2016-2017 Hospital Inspection Report

Another year has flown by and it was a good one. This was our best year since instituting inspections. Becky and I have visited about half of the facilities in the state and the results have been amazing. We performed 94 inspections from 1/11/16- 1/4/17.

33 of those inspections had no compliance issues, no violations, meaning 35% of our inspections were perfect for the year. Our average per inspection was 1.6 violations, the lowest ever.

Because of the amazing number of perfect inspections, that is all that we are listing this year, but we also want to thank all of those hospitals with only one non-compliance issue this year as well.

Becky and I know this is going to be another incredible year. Please remember the board office is always available to answer any questions you may have. Lastly, if I missed anyone on this list please call the office and I will make sure and include you on next year's list. Thank you for your continued diligence.

Christina Johnson, LVT
Senior Compliance Inspector and Licensing Specialist

<u>Veterinary Hospital or Animal Control Agency</u>	<u>Veterinarian or Euthanasia Technician in Charge</u>	<u>Area of Nevada</u>	<u>Non-Compliance Violations</u>
Aliante Animal Hospital	Rubenstein	Las Vegas	0
St. Rose Animal Urgent Care	Owens	Henderson	0
East Charleston Animal Hospital	Ylarde	Las Vegas	0
Las Vegas Animal Emergency Center (Patrick)	O'Dea	Las Vegas	0
Whole Dog Haven	Bandolin	Carson City	0
Desert Pines Equine	Schur	Las Vegas	0
Banfield, 2140 N. Rainbow	Cooper	Las Vegas	0
Sun City Animal Hospital	Knehr	Las Vegas	0
Sunrise Veterinary Clinic	Henderson	Las Vegas	0
Heaven Can Wait Spay and Neuter Clinic	Henderson	Las Vegas	0
Warm Springs Animal Hospital	Lynch	Henderson	0
Pebble Maryland Animal Hospital	Diaz	Las Vegas	0
DOC's	Haebler	Carson City	0
St. Francis Animal Hospital	Drake	Las Vegas	0
Flamingo Pet Clinic	Kenton	Las Vegas	0
Horizon Veterinary Clinic	Pflaum	Henderson	0
VE&CC, Tropicana	Hoefle	Las Vegas	0
Sahara Pines Animal Hospital	Ulitchny	Las Vegas	0
Sahara Animal Hospital	Arteaga	Las Vegas	0
Gentle Doctor Animal Hospital	Pribyl	Las Vegas	0
A Cat Hospital	Koppe	Las Vegas	0
Stephanie Animal Hospital	Stanton	Henderson	0
North Las Vegas Animal Hospital	Stoecklin	North Las Vegas	0
Boulder City Animal Hospital	Stanton	Boulder City	0
Greatful Pet Animal Clinic	Flannery	Boulder City	0
Pyramid Animal Hospital	Nesler	Sparks	0
Spencer Springs Animal Hospital	Costa	Las Vegas	0
All About Cats	Auge	Las Vegas	0
Companion Animal Hospital	Verma	Las Vegas	0
Horizon Ridge Animal Hospital	Stanton	Henderson	0
Homestead Animal Hospital	Herr	Pahrump	0
Boulder City Animal Control	Ruth Ann Inabnitt	Boulder City	0
Banfield, 5160 S. Fort Apache RD	Jensen	Las Vegas	0

Legislative Update 2017

During the 2017 legislative session, the NSBVME is tracking over 70 Bills. The following is a snapshot of some of the Bills that were monitored: Full text of the Bills can be found at: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Reports/>

BILL #	DESCRIPTION	OVERVIEW	OUTCOME
AB353	Revises provisions governing professional licensing.	Section 10 of this bill sets forth the policy concerning occupational regulations, including using the least restrictive regulation to protect consumers from harms that threaten public health and safety. Section 13 of this bill provides that a natural person with a criminal history may petition the responsible governmental entity or regulatory body, at any time, including before obtaining any required education or paying any fee, for a determination of whether the natural person's criminal history will disqualify the natural person from obtaining a an occupational license, a specialty occupational license for medical reimbursement or certification to engage in a lawful occupation.	Failed Deadline: April 10, 2017
AB391	AN ACT relating to crimes; creating the crime of bestiality; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	Existing law creates various crimes against public decency and good morals and provides penalties to be imposed upon persons who commit such crimes. (Chapter 201 of NRS) This bill creates the crime of bestiality and sets forth the punishment for the crime. Under this bill, a person who commits the crime of bestiality is guilty of a gross misdemeanor, except that the penalty is increased to a category C felony if: (1) the animal dies or suffers serious bodily injury as the result of the crime; or (2) the person has a previous felony conviction for animal cruelty. This bill further authorizes the court to order a person convicted of the crime of bestiality: (1) to undergo a psychological evaluation and any recommended counseling and to pay the expenses for such an evaluation and counseling; (2) to relinquish and permanently forfeit all animals which are owned by the person and which reside in the same household as the person; (3) not to harbor any animal or reside in any household where an animal is present for a period determined by the court; and (4) to pay all reasonable costs incurred for the care and maintenance of the animal involved in the crime and any other animal that is relinquished by the person. **Exemption** Section 1, Paragraph 4 <i>"Sexual conduct" does not include an accepted practice of animal husbandry, any practice relating to conformation judging, or any medical procedure performed by a licensed veterinarian engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine."</i>	April 21, 2017: Amended and passed out of Committee
AB439	Revises provisions governing taxation of certain property by a licensed veterinarian	This bill requires the Department of Taxation, in administering the provisions of the Sales and Use Tax Act and the Local School Support Tax Law, to consider a licensed veterinarian to be a consumer and not a retailer of the tangible personal property used, furnished or dispensed by him or her in the performance of his or her professional services in the practice of veterinary medicine. Any amendment to the Local School Support Tax Law also applies to other sales and use taxes imposed under existing law. (April 11, 2017: Amended and passed out of Committee on Taxation.
SB171	Requires certain pharmacies to provide a means for persons to dispose of unused drugs.	This bill requires each retail community pharmacy in this State to post in a conspicuous place on the premises of the pharmacy or provide, upon request, written instructions for safely disposing of unused drugs.	Passed from Senate to Assembly April 17, 2017. In Assembly committee
SB194	Prohibits the sale of products derived from or containing certain animal species under certain circumstances	The Endangered Species Act of 1973 and the African Elephant Conservation Act restrict importation to, exportation from and trade throughout the United States of certain items made of or containing certain animal parts. (16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq.; 16 U.S.C. §§ 4201 et seq.) Section 2 of this bill prohibits the purchase, sale or possession with intent to sell any item in this State that is, wholly or partially, made of an animal part or byproduct derived from a shark fin or any species of elephant, rhinoceros, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, pangolin, sea turtle, ray, mammoth, narwhal, walrus or hippopotamus. Section 2 also designates the criminal and civil penalties to be imposed upon a person for violating these provisions. Section 3 of this bill exempts certain classes of sales from the provisions of section 2, including certain sales involving: (1) law enforcement; (2) antiques; (3) musical instruments; (4) knives and firearms; and (5) a scientific or educational institution. Section 3 also exempts sales of items specifically authorized for sale by federal law.	Passed from Senate to Assembly April 21, 2017.
SB346	Clarifies provisions governing the prescribing, dispensing, and administering of drugs.	If the drug has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for any purpose and certain other conditions are met, this bill clarifies that such persons and certain other professionals do not violate any applicable standard of care by prescribing, dispensing or administering a drug for a purpose that has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration. This bill also provides that: (1) an insurer or other third party is not required to cover any drug that is prescribed, dispensed or administered for such a purpose; and (2) the third party is not liable in any event for any injury sustained by the patient as a result of using the drug.	Passed from Senate to Assembly April 19, 2017
SB405	Requires the establishment and use of a statewide animal abuser registry	AN ACT relating to abuse of animals; requiring the Director of the Department of Public Safety to establish a statewide animal abuser registry; requiring persons convicted of certain offenses against animals to register with the statewide registry; requiring courts to notify certain defendants of the requirements for registration; requiring the Department of Public Safety to establish an animal abuser website; requiring certain persons engaged in selling animals and adoption of animals to access the animal abuser website before selling an animal or allowing the adoption of an animal; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	April 4, 2017 Eligibility for exemption. Referred to Senate committee on Judiciary

Tips from the Investigator

Patricia Handal, DVM
Board Investigator



Social Media, Privacy, and Ethical Considerations

Facebook is the most common Social Media site where people share photos, stories, and links. Many individuals as well as many businesses have a Facebook page. Facebook is a great way to connect with family, friends, people who have a common interest, or followers of your business.

While Facebook allows many photos to be legally uploaded without permission, some types of images, such as copyrighted material, require written permission before you can use them on a business page.

For photos you have taken that you want to post of Facebook, your license to post a particular photo depends much on who took the photo, who's in it, and where was the photo taken.

Privacy is a factor to some people and the legalities of posting photos are nebulous. If the photo was taken at a location where someone has a reasonable expectation of privacy, then you should ask permission before posting any photo of that person or their pet online. Additionally, some people might interpret this as an unsolicited endorsement for the doctor or veterinary hospital.

With constant new and emerging technology, so come new issues. This topic was recently brought to the attention of the Board by a concerned client.

Even though there are legal allowances for posting photos that include people or their pets on Facebook, it is considered ethical practice to ask their permission before posting the photo. Establishing a specific protocol or policy regarding posting pictures on your facility's Social Media sites may be another important thing you might consider adding to your to do list.

Paperless Medical Records and Continuation of Care

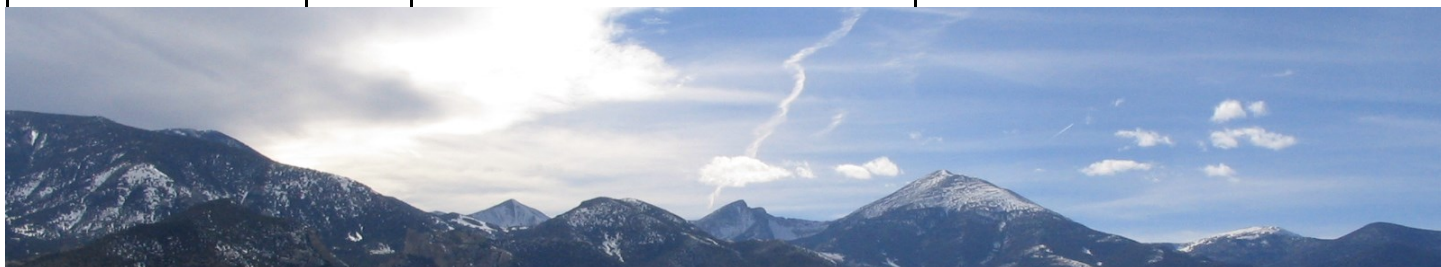
Many facilities now having extended hours of operation and veterinarians may change shifts on the same day requiring a transfer of patient care. Several of the cases I've seen have a pet that is hospitalized and put on treatment by the admitting veterinarian (Dr. A). A change of shift occurs later in the day and a second veterinarian (Dr. B) is now in charge of that pet. This transfer often occurs without official rounds and too often Dr. A and Dr. B don't even have a chance to talk about the case at the time of the shift change. Dr. B will see the treatment instructions from Dr. A and will simply write "continue treatment as per Dr. A." This seems to occur most often when different things are entered in different windows and only part of the medical record is reviewed by Dr. B and the animal is not reevaluated. If Dr. B fails or neglects to open the different windows to read the entire medical record in the computerized system he or she may not have a full appreciation of the pet's condition. In two complaints, the secondary veterinarian (Dr. B) did not even know why the pet was hospitalized.

So am I suggesting getting rid of the paperless system that simplifies many things? Not at all. With longer hospital hours and onsite staffing, we as a profession have the opportunity to provide a higher level of care by being in constant attendance with our patients. The message is that if your hospital uses a computerized paperless system for medical records, establish a protocol where all the veterinarians are entering the same type of information in the same place. Knowing where to look means not missing things which leads to providing the highest level of continued care for your patients.



2015-2017 Completed Disciplinary Cases

Disciplinary Action 2016-2017: Additional information on the individual discipline can be obtained by contacting the Board office. The following is summary of disciplinary action taken by the Board in the past year:			
Case Number and Type of Discipline	Area	Violations	Conditions of the Order
3-2015DVM-23 4-2015DVM-40 4-2015DVM-41 Voluntary Surrender 4/28/2015	South	NRS 638.140(5) (incompetence), NRS 638.140(6) (negligence), NRS 638.1402(4) (providing false or misleading information to an owner), NAC 638.045(2) (definition of negligence), NAC 638.045(3) (definition of incompetence), NAC 638.0475 (medical records), and NAC 638.0629 (dispensing of prescription drugs).	In reviewing the three complaints, the Board determined that cause existed for the matters to proceed to discipline hearings based upon allegations of negligence, incompetence, recordkeeping, and (in one case) misrepresentation of the dog's condition to the dog's owner. The Licensee agreed to voluntary surrender his license.
07-2015LVT-054 Letter of Reprimand 10/29/2015	South	NRS 638.140(1) (Violation of a Board Regulation) and NAC 638.041(1) (Hours of CE for LVT) and NAC 638.0423(2) (Failure to Maintain Records of CE) in that the Licensee did not maintain or provide the records that would evidence completion of 10 hours of continuing education.	The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$500.00. The Licensee will provide to the Board's office written evidence of successful completion of ten hours of continuing education. The Licensee renewal applications shall be audited for the next three renewal periods.
3-2015DVM-031 Letter of Reprimand 10/29/2015	South	NRS 638.140 (5) (Incompetence) and NAC 638.045(3) (Incompetence) in that the Licensee did not recommend aggressively pursuing either by suture removal or exploration under sedation the cause of the non-passage of feces.	The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$480.00. The Licensee will provide to the Board's office written evidence of successful completion of two hours of continuing education in the treatment of rodents.
03-2015DVM-028 Letter of Reprimand 10/29/2015	South	(NAC) 638.045(2) (Negligence) in that the Licensee (1) inadequately insulated the electric heating pad on the anesthetized dog resulting in bilateral thermal burns of the lower back of the dog; and (2) did not recognize the lesions he observed on December 17, 2014 to be thermal burns, resulting in the prescribing of a contraindicated course of treatment which, when followed, caused pain.	The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$770.00.



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Case Number and Type of Discipline	Area	Violations	Conditions of the Order
4-2015DVM-033 Letter of Reprimand 10/29/2015	South	NRS 638.140(6) (Negligence) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 638.045 (2) (Negligence) in that the licensee (1) when the dog presented on June 9, 2014 with a significantly worsened heart murmur, the Licensee did not recommend to or discuss with the dog's owner a cardiology consultation, and (2) when the dog presented on February 15, 2015 and the Licensee noted pulmonary edema, nothing was done in an attempt to stabilize the dog such as administering Lasix until the transfer to the critical care facility could be effected.	The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$620.00. The Licensee will provide to the Board's office written evidence of successful completion of four hours of continuing education in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiac cases.
06-2015DVM-048 Letter of Reprimand 10/29/2015	South	Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 638.045(2) (Negligence) in that the Licensee did not alter her treatment plan regarding the dog's inappetence and gastrointestinal issues throughout the period that the dog was at the facility despite the dog's failure to improve throughout his time at the facility. Furthermore, the Board finds that the above-described acts violated NRS 638.140(1) (Violation of regulations) and NAC 638.0475(2)(f) and (2)(i) (Recordkeeping) in that throughout the period that the dog was at the facility under the Licensee's care daily physical examinations and SOAP notes were lacking, incomplete, or insufficient.	The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$1190.00. The Licensee will provide to the Board's office written evidence of successful completion of two hours of continuing education in the interpretation of radiographs, two hours of continuing education in internal medicine, and two hours of continuing education relating to medical record-keeping.
08-2015FAC-057 Letter of Reprimand 1/28/2016	South	NAC 638.0175(3) (Obtain Informed Consent) by failing to obtain the owner's informed consent for the exploratory surgery that was performed. Additionally, the Licensee violated NAC 638.0655 (Notification That Animal Will Be Left Unattended) by the facility failure to present to the owner a written notification that the dog would be left unattended after business hours.	The Licensee will pay and Board costs of \$1160.00. The Facility shall create and present to the Board (1) by which it will obtain the informed consent for procedures that will be performed at the facility, (2) by which it will notify clients of an estimate of fees, and (3) by which it will notify owners that their animals will be unattended after business hours.

Disciplinary Action 2016-2017: Additional information on the individual discipline can be obtained by contacting the Board office. The following is summary of disciplinary action taken by the Board in the past year:

Case Number and Type of Discipline	Area	Violations	Conditions of the Order
09-2015DVM-063 Consent Decree Order of Probation 2 Years	South	<p>The Licensee prescribed KBr on 10/21/14 for seizures without first examining the dog. One KBr level was performed without a simultaneous exam on 11/25/14, and then 4 subsequent refills of KBr were dispensed over the next 8½ months without an exam or KBr levels until the dog presented to the relief veterinarian for not doing well on 8/3/15. Therefore, the Licensee violated Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 638.045(2) (Negligence Defined).</p> <p>The Licensee prescribed KBr for seizures without having a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship to support the treatment since the Licensee had not seen the dog, except once on 8/6/12 for neutering, and did not perform a complete and thorough physical examination, assess for a proper diagnosis, or plan for the treatment of the dog. Therefore, the Licensee violated NAC 638.045(2) (Negligence Defined) and NAC 638.046 (Violation of Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics) and NAC 638.048(8) (Prescribing Without Valid VCPR).</p> <p>The Licensee did not respond to the owner's numerous telephone calls and concerns in regard to the dog's condition in a timely fashion. Therefore, the Licensee violated NAC 638.046 (Violation of Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics) and NAC 638.048(8).</p>	<p><u>Reformation of Practice.</u> The Licensee agrees for every practice located in Nevada that he will own or manage or in which he will practice veterinary medicine, that he will assure that the practices conform to the following terms, conditions, and practices:</p> <p><u>Recordkeeping.</u> The Licensee and every veterinarian he might employ throughout the term of the probation and thereafter shall make medical records that comply with NAC 638.0475 and are in a SOAP format.</p> <p><u>Computerized Records.</u> Within 30 days, The Licensee shall provide written evidence to the Board's office that he has changed the computer system he uses to make and maintain patient records so that: (a) the system does not provide any defaulted responses for any physical or clinical findings in the system, and (b) the system captures the identity of all people who enter information into the system, including the date and time that the record is entered and the date and time that any alterations were made or attempted to be made.</p> <p><u>Providing of Records.</u> Upon Board request for records the Licensee will provide to the Board a complete and true copy of all records requested by the Board without alteration or redaction.</p> <p><u>Practice Monitoring.</u> The Licensee and the Investigating Board Member (IBM) shall consult and determine a veterinarian who shall serve as a practice monitor throughout the remainder of the period of probation.</p>



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Case Number and Type of Discipline	Area	Violations	Conditions of the Order
10-2015DVM-067 Consent Decree 4/28/2016 Order of Probation 1 year	South	<p>The Licensee admits that he dispensed prescription drugs to the owners for their administration to the horse without properly labeling the prescription drugs in violation of NRS 638.140(1) (Violation of Board Regulations) and NAC 638.0629.</p> <p>The Licensee's records regarding the medications prescribed contained no indication regarding concentration, quantity, or directions for use; and the Licensee's records did not document the concentration of the injected solution, the amount of solution injected, or the route by which the injections were administered in violation of NRS 638.140(1) (Violation of Board Regulations) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 638.0475 (Medical Records)</p>	<p><u>Recordkeeping.</u> The Licensee and every veterinarian he might employ – including, but not limited to all relief veterinarians – throughout the term of the probation and thereafter shall make medical records that comply with NAC 638.0475 and are in a SOAP format.</p> <p><u>Computerized Records.</u> Within 30 days, the Licensee shall provide written evidence to the Board's office that he has changed the computer system he uses to make and maintain patient records.</p> <p><u>Dispensing of Medications.</u> Shall dispense all medications in compliance with the requirements in NAC 638.0629(1)(f) and NAC 638.0629(2). The Licensee shall provide to the Board's office copies of labels with which he will label all medications he will dispense and a written policy, procedure, or protocol that he will implement regarding the dispensing of medications.</p> <p><u>Providing of Records.</u> The Licensee will provide to the Board a complete and true copy of all records requested by the Board without alteration or redaction.</p> <p><u>Record Reviews.</u> The Licensee shall provide to the Board's office a list of all animals to which he provided veterinary services in the preceding month. The Board's staff shall inform the Licensee of the names of animals for which the Licensee shall thereafter immediately provide copies of the entire medical record, including but not limited to written reports, notes, invoices, lab reports, surgery and controlled substance logs, and diagnostic reports for that animal for the year preceding. The Board's staff will review the provided medical records</p> <p><u>Hospital Inspections</u> The Licensee's veterinary facilities, including his mobile facilities, may be subject to occasional and unannounced hospital inspections.</p> <p><u>Continuing Education.</u> The Licensee shall present written evidence to the Board's office of successful completion of five hours in medical records. The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$2,160.00.</p>

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Continued from previous page			<p>The Board's staff will review the provided medical records</p> <p><u>Hospital Inspections</u></p> <p>The Licensee's veterinary facilities, including his mobile facilities, may be subject to occasional and unannounced hospital inspections.</p> <p><u>Continuing Education</u></p> <p>The Licensee shall present written evidence to the Board's office of successful completion of five hours in medical records.</p> <p>The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$2,160.00.</p>
11-2015DVM-076 Letter of Reprimand 4/28/2016	South	NRS 638.140(6) (Negligence) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 638.045 (2) (Negligence) in that the Licensee did not assess, recognize, or respond to the dog's declining condition that bore indications that the dog was suffering from post-surgical internal leakage.	The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$1,155.00. The Licensee will provide to the Board's office written evidence of successful completion of four hours of continuing education in the management and care of post-surgical small animal patients.
11-2015DVM-078 Letter of Reprimand 7/28/2016	South	The Board's investigation found that the Licensee either did not inform the owner or document that he had informed the owner of the abnormally high AlkP levels in order to secure informed consent to proceed with anesthesia and the dental procedure. This is in violation of NAC 638.0175(3) (Veterinarian Must Obtain Informed Consent).	The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$1,249.00. The Licensee will provide to the Board's office written evidence of successful completion of two hours of Board approved continuing education in client communication or informed consent.
02-2016DVM-05 Letter of Reprimand 7/28/2016	South	NAC 638.045(2) (Negligence) in that the Licensee either did not review the dog's first blood panel before prescribing Vetprofen or did review the dog's first blood panel and did not identify the abnormally high ALT level before prescribing the drug. Thereafter, the Licensee did not offer treatment on that day and did not offer continuance of care.	The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$925.00. The Licensee will provide to the Board's office written evidence of successful completion of two hours of continuing education in internal medicine and two hours of continuing education in client communication.



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o6-2016DVM-18 Letter of Reprimand 10/20/2016	South	(NAC) 638.041(1) (Hours of CE for DVM) and NAC 638.0423(2) (Failure to Maintain Records of CE) in that the Licensee did not maintain or provide the records that would evidence completion of ten hours of continuing education for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2015.	The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$500.00. The Licensee will provide to the Board's office written evidence of successful completion of 7 hours of continuing education. The Licensee's renewal applications shall be audited for the next three renewal periods.
o6-2016DVM-19 Letter of Reprimand 1/26/2017	South	Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 638.041(1) (Hours of CE for DVM) and NAC 638.0423(2) (Failure to Maintain Records of CE) in that the Licensee did not maintain or provide the records that would evidence completion of ten hours of continuing education for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2015.	The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$1,000. The Licensee will provide to the Board's office written evidence of successful completion of 20 hours of continuing education. The Licensee's renewal applications shall be audited for the next three renewal periods.
o6-2016LVT-20 Letter of Reprimand 10/20/2016	South	Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 638.041(1) (Hours of CE for DVM) and NAC 638.0423(2) (Failure to Maintain Records of CE) in that the Licensee did not maintain or provide the records that would evidence completion of ten hours of continuing education for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2015.	The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$500.00. The Licensee will provide to the Board's office written evidence of successful completion of 4 hours of continuing education. The Licensee's renewal applications shall be audited for the next three renewal periods.



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07-2016DVM-26 Consent Decree Order of Probation 1-26-2017	South	<p>The Licensee admits that his record-keeping was inadequate and in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 638.140(1) (Violation of Board Regulations) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 638.0475 (Medical Records).</p> <p>The Licensee admits that his treatment of the dog was negligent and incompetent in that he did not perform any confirmatory diagnostics related to his suspicion that the dog had a fractured left mandible, he did not seek authorization for and did not perform pre-anesthetic blood work on a geriatric dog that he had not previously seen, examined, or treated, and his placement of the pin and circumferential wire was improper, all in violation of NRS 638.140(5) (Incompetence), NRS 638.140(6) (Negligence), NAC 638.045(2) (Negligence), and NAC 638.045(3) (Incompetence).</p> <p>The Licensee admits that he did not seek, obtain, nor document that he had informed the dog's owner of the suspected mandible fracture and had obtained the owner's informed consent prior to performing the work and treatment of the purported mandible fracture, in violation of NRS 638.140(1) (Violation of Board Regulations) and NAC 638.0175(3) (Veterinarian Must Obtain Informed Consent) and NAC 638.0475(2)(e) (Documentation of Informed Consent).</p>	<p>The Licensee's license to practice veterinary medicine shall be on probation for one year. The terms and conditions of the probation are as follows:</p> <p>The Licensee shall attend and successfully complete 5 hours of continuing education in medical records and 5 hours of continuing education in ethics and informed consent.</p> <p>The Licensee shall develop and use a patient information form approved by the Investigating Board Member for all animals he and his practice shall see and treat. The form shall contain an itemization of all diagnoses and available diagnostic and treatment options and the related costs for each particularized for the animal.</p> <p>The Licensee shall assure that all records relating to patients conform to the requirements of NAC 638.0475.</p> <p>Throughout the probationary period, the Board's Inspector shall make unannounced inspections of the Licensee's practice.</p> <p>The Licensee shall pay the total fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter of \$1170.00.</p>



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o8-2016DVM-36 Consent Decree 01/26/2017 Order of Probation 2 Years	North	<p>The Licensee was negligent because it departed from the standard of practice and incompetent in that the Licensee performed the perineal urethrostomy improperly and without the requisite skill, and thus The Licensee violated Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 638.140 (1), (5), and (6) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 638.045(1) and (2).</p> <p>In the course of the investigation, the Board's staff examined the Licensee's records relating to the cat and found that the records were deficient and, therefore, in violation of NRS 638.140(1) and NAC 638.0475.</p> <p>he Board's investigation determined that the Licensee did not timely or usefully communicate with the cat's owners post-surgically despite numerous attempts at such communications from the owners and despite the increasing gravity of the cat's reported decline in condition. Therefore, The Licensee violated NRS 638.140(1), NAC 638.046(1), NAC 638.047, and Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics II(E).</p>	<p>The Licensee shall be on probation for a period of two years according to the following terms and conditions:</p> <p>The Licensee's hospital shall be subject to random inspections.</p> <p>The Licensee shall not perform any surgery and shall refer any patient in need of surgical treatment to another veterinarian in her practice or to an appropriate veterinarian outside the practice.</p> <p>The Licensee agrees that the facility needs to employ a practice administrator to oversee the operations.</p> <p>The Licensee shall assure that all routine communications seeking response from owners or their agents or representatives are addressed by an appropriate member of the staff no more than 24 hours after the communication is initiated. If the communication indicates a medical decline of the patient, or emergency, or necessity, the communication receives a response commensurate with the information provided by the owner, agent, or representative.</p> <p>The practices of the Licensee shall be monitored and assessed by an experienced veterinary practice administrator approved by the IBM (hereinafter "practice monitor").</p> <p>The License shall pay the Board's attorney fees and investigative costs of \$1585.00.</p>

